

COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
July 6, 2004

The Board of Davis County Commissioners met in the Commission Chambers of the Davis County Courthouse, Farmington, Utah on July 6, 2004. Members present were Chairman Dannie R. McConkie, Commissioner Carol R. Page, Commissioner Michael J. Cragun, Clerk/Auditor Steve S. Rawlings, Chief Deputy Civil County Attorney Gerald E. Hess, and Commission Office Manager Linda May.

Agreement
#2004-263
Clark Country
Electric to
Install
Electrical for
Veh. Maint.
Building

Thomas Smith, Davis County Public Works Director, presented an agreement #2004-263 with Clark Country Electric. It is for the installation of the electrical system for the new Vehicle Maintenance Building. It is an accounts payable in the amount of \$11,805.00. Commissioner Page made a motion to approve. Commissioner Cragun seconded the motion. All voted aye. The document is on file in the office of the Davis County Clerk/Auditor.

Grant
Application
#2004-264
National
Institute of
Justice for
Crime Lab
Funds

Dave Boucher, Davis County Sheriff's Office, presented a grant application #2004-264 with the National Institute of Justice. The request is for \$64,832.63 with a local match of \$43,863.91. The money would cover the costs for one new crime laboratory technician and forensic evidence collection and analysis equipment. Commissioner Cragun made a motion to approve the electronic application process. Commissioner Page seconded the motion. All voted aye. The document is on file in the office of the Davis County Clerk/Auditor.

Grant
Application
#2004-265 UT
State Library
for Funding

Pete Giacoma, Davis County Library Director, presented a grant application #2004-265 with the Utah State Library. It is for renewal of a public library development grant in the amount of \$33,591.00. The deadline for signing the document was end of June and the paperwork had been delayed by the State. Commissioner Cragun made a motion to ratify the signature. Commissioner Page seconded the motion. All voted aye. The document is on file in the office of the Davis County Clerk/Auditor.

Presentation of
Certified Tax
Rates for 2004

Jonathan Lee, Chief Deputy/Finance Office of Davis County Clerk/Auditor, presented the 2004 tax rates. The proposed rates are as follows: General Operation 0.001526, Debt Service 0.000169, Special Service Area 0.000972, Library 0.000432, County Assessing & Collecting 0.000073, and State Assessing and Collection 0.000180. There was a great effort by Steve Rawlings, Clerk/Auditor, and Jonathan Lee to clarify the Legislature's ruling regarding tax rates and the State Tax Commission's way of calculating the certified tax rates. If the issue had not been addressed, it could have resulted in a 7-8% tax increase for property owners statewide this year. After the presentation and discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Page to approve the rates as presented. Commissioner Cragun seconded the motion. All voted aye.

Historic
Recording of
2,000,000th
Document

Richard Maughan, Davis County Recorder, came in to Commission Meeting to make an announcement. At 10:29 the Recorders Office recorded a document for First American Title Company of Utah that is the 2 millionth document. It's historic! It has taken Davis County 135 year of record keeping to reach this milestone. The first million took 123 years to accomplish. The second million 11.5 years. The pace is accelerating when it comes to record keeping in the Recorders Office.

Scott Lunt, General Manager Davis Conference Center, requested approval of an agreement for the September 9 Gala Event for the opening of the Conference Center. Peabo Bryson will be the entertainer for the event. He a famous singer of such Disney songs as "Beauty and the Beast" and "Somewhere Out There"

and has released his own CD's. Commissioner Cragun made a motion to accept the date of September 9,

2004, and authorized Mr. Lunt under the operations agreement to pursue the agreement for the entertainment. Commissioner Page seconded the motion. All voted aye.

Presentation of
Davis County
Citizens Jail
Committee for
Expansion of
the Jail

Paul Barker (Committee Chairman), Lee Secrist, Scott Quiney, and Chad Vanderlinden of the Davis County Citizens Jail Committee came to present their findings. The committee was formed in August of 2003 and consists of a judge, attorneys, citizens-at-large, educators, business representatives, clergy, a mayor, a chief of police, a city council person, a building contractor, and retired and current representatives of law enforcement. The charge given to the committee by the Davis County Commission was to assess whether or not the Davis County Jail need to be expanded and, if so, the extent of the need and to what degree the proposed expansion would meet the current and future correction needs of the County. The following statement was handed out:

The committee are all taxpaying citizens who have taken this responsibility soberly and are not lightly inclined to see taxes increased. In regard to the referenced charge, the complete committee conducted a comprehensive analysis meeting nine times over a period of ten months. There were also sub group meetings and individual research and analysis conducted by various committee members.

The group presentations ere driven by requests from committee members and were discussed with the sincere desire to meet the charge the committee had been given. After careful review, debate and discussion of all issues presented, the assessment committee unanimously recommends to the Davis County Commission the construction of an addition to the present jail (based upon the current proposal) and that it be financed through the issuance of a general obligation bond to be voted on by the public in the November election. If the community does not pass the bond to expand the jail, the committee feels that the community would be put at risk because the “rule of law” would lose its effectiveness. We again reiterate the urgency associated with our public safety and liability concerns as they surfaced through out deliberations.

With this in mind the committee has concluded that under current conditions, the public safety of Davis County citizens is being jeopardized, and the safety of jail staff is at risk because of the jail’s overcrowding. Furthermore, the County faces significant liability with potential inmate or staff lawsuits a distinct possibility.

We further believe that a jail expansion will take place in the foreseeable future and would prefer that it not take place on terms dictated by a federal consent decree, but rather by local input.

A “Jail Needs and Assessment Committee Report for Davis County” was distributed to the Commissioners for their review.

Commissioner Cragun asked for applause for the committee’s work over this past year. The Commissioners and the Davis County Sheriff will review the study and will give comments at the next commission meeting. The final date for setting a November bond election is September 14, 2004.

Personnel
Register
Presented

A personnel register was presented. Commissioner Page made a motion to approve. Commissioner Cragun seconded the motion. All voted aye.

Check
Registers
Presented

Check registers were presented. Commissioner Cragun made a motion to approve. Commissioner Page seconded the motion. All voted aye.

Agreements
#2004-266
#2004-267
#2004-268
Avaya for
Maintenance of
Telephone
Equipment

The following agreements were presented with Avaya through their business partner, SourceOne, Inc. for the maintenance of telephone equipment:

#2004-266	Site location is 28 East State St.	\$1,945.02 monthly
#2004-267	Site location is 800 West State St.	\$1,079.27 monthly
#2004-268	Site location is 1422 East 600 North	\$ 297.66 monthly

Commissioner Cragun made a motion to approve. Commissioner Page seconded the motion. All voted aye. The documents are on file in the office of the Davis County Clerk/Auditor.

Meeting adjourned.